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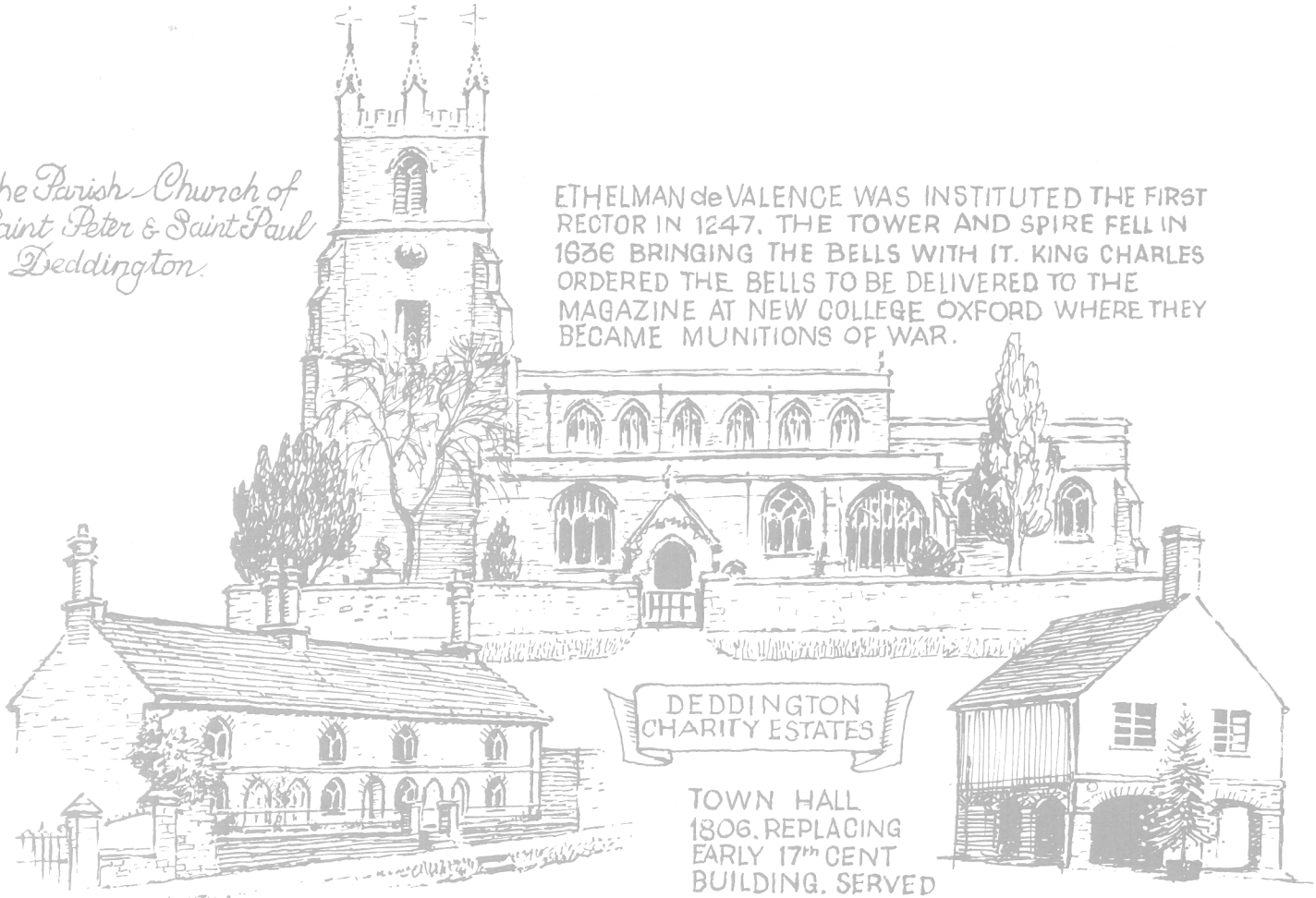

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VALUATIONS Individuals and businesses often require formal valuations for borrowing, accountancy, or fire insurance purposes. It is vital that an accurate assessment is made of the premises — whether they be freehold or leasehold — in order to establish a true value.

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PLANNING Even at a time when local authorities are attempting to encourage the industrial and business communities to expand, planning permissions are not always easy to obtain. Expert advice at an early stage is money and time well spent.

MANAGEMENT Good management will lead to good landlord/tenant relationships and hopefully to prosperity for all concerned. Bad management, or indeed the lack of any sort of management, may lead to personal conflict, aggressive attitudes and — if all goes wrong — to the courts!

MISCELLANEOUS Rating, taxation and project funding are the three remaining areas most likely to create problems for companies or individuals involved in property transactions. Bankier Sloan offers advice in all these fields and in any other affecting commercial or industrial premises. Others seek professional help . . . so why not you!

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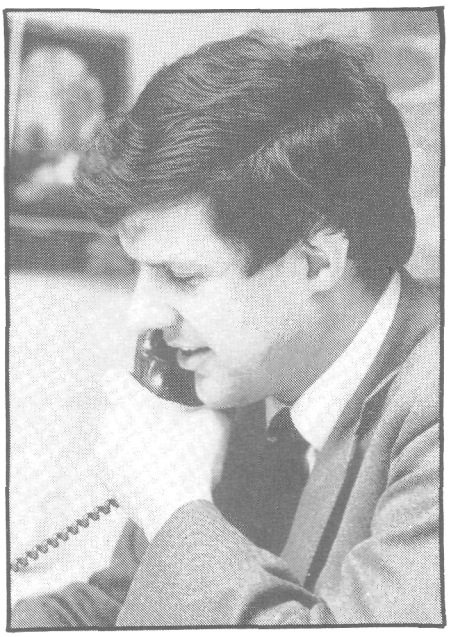

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EDITORIAL

As the festive season approaches, we would like to thank our volunteer workers, without whose unflagging enthusiasm there would be no Deddington News; our contributors, who provide most of the content; our advertisers, who cover our basic costs; our anonymous (usually) friends whose donations are a welcome addition to funds; the Parish Council who have kindly agreed to make us an interest-free loan for the urgent purchase of new machinery; the Village Trust for considering next year (we hope, favourably) our request for funding; and our readers, who make it all worth while.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

DIARY

December

SAT 9 Village Skip in Earl's Lane (for bulky DOMESTIC rubbish only)
SUN 10 Parish Church, 8 am Holy Communion: 3.30 pm Christingle and Baptism
TUE 12 Bus tokens available from Town Hall, 10.30 am - 12 noon (see p.6)
TUE 12 1.45 pm and WED 13, 7 pm, "Christmas round the World", School Hall
TUE/FRI 12-15 Structure Plan Exhibition, Banbury Library (see p.12)
WED 13 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15 pm, Town Hall (NOTE DATE)
TH 14 School children singing carols to residents of Cheshire Home 1.30 pm
FRI/SAT 15 & 16 HSA Christmas Float, starting 6 pm
SAT 16 British Legion, Slip Streams
SUN 17 Hempton Church: 9 am Holy Communion
SUN 17 Parish Church, 10.30 am Holy Communion (said); 6 pm Carol Service
SUN 17 Junior Football, 11 am Castle Grounds
MON 18 Carol singing round Deddington with School, starting Town Hall 6 pm
TUE 19 Bus tokens available from Town Hall, 10.30 am - 12 noon
TUE 19 N Oxon Rural Schls Carol Concert, children only, 10 am Bloxham Church
WED 20 Parish Church, 10 am Midweek Communion
WED 20 School, Carols round the Christmas Tree, 2 pm
WED 20 Hempton, Carols round the Village
FRI 22 Hempton Church, 6.30 pm Carol Service
SAT 23 Deddington Town Football Club Christmas Dinner
SUN 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Parish Church 8am Holy Communion: 11.45pm Midnight Eucharist
SUN 24 Wesleyan Church: 10.30 am Family Worship; 6 pm Carols by Candlelight; 11.30 pm Midnight Service
SUN 24 Congregational Church, 6 pm Carol Service
SUN 24 Carol Singing in the Market Square from 7 pm
MON 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9 am Hempton Church, Holy Communion
MON 25 Congregational Church, 9.30 am Christmas Morning Service
MON 25 Parish Church, 10.30 am Family Service and Blessing of Crib
MON 25 Wesleyan Church, 10.30 am Family Service - children bring their presents
TUE 26 BOXING DAY British Legion, Dawn Breakers
TUE 26 Deddington Town Football Club, Charity Match, 10 am Castle Grounds
SUN 31 Parish Church, 8 am Holy Communion; 10.30 am Matins
SUN 31 British Legion, Sugar and Spice

JANUARY 1990 DATES, SEE PAGE 2

NO DEDDINGTON NEWS IN JANUARY: NEXT COPY DATE 23 JANUARY 1990

D E D D I N G T O N P A R I S H C O U N C I L

Main points of the meeting held in Deddington Town Hall, 22 November at 7.15 pm.

Village funds The Parish Clerk was authorised to transfer £50,000 of interest from the 7-day account at 6.75% to a 30-day account at 14.75%.

Village skip Commercial dumping is taking place in the skip which is intended for bulky domestic rubbish only. This practice should cease.

Churchyard extension 1. PC agreed to pay for clearance (£310) and maintenance (£40 per cut) for one year, as a charge on village funds, and will recommend that the Trust takes over the responsibility in due course. 2. Robin Hall's name has now been inscribed on the War Memorial by the British Legion.

Village Trust Progress towards setting up the Trust is slow. Mr Rose will be pressed to provide a situation report by 13 December and indicate when the Trust is likely to be operational.

Windmill Centre A master plan for the development of the site was displayed at the meeting. Councillors will be provided with copies for study and asked to comment at the next meeting.

School Governors PC appointed Cllr Cynthia Garvey to join Cllr John Webber.

New Vicar 1. The induction service in the Parish Church on 1 December was expected to attract a congregation of 400. 2. Rev Reeves has asked if he may run a Sunday School in the Town Hall. PC agreed subject to Fire Regulations and Public Liability Insurance.

Bus tokens Application forms are now available in the Post Office and arrangements are being made to issue tokens at the Town Hall (see page 6).

Financial statement P.Clerk commended for the clarity and timeliness of this information which will help PC's consideration of next year's parish precept.

Christmas Eve Carols The organisers of this annual and well-supported event in Deddington Market Place asked the PC for financial help towards printing costs of new, durable, carol sheets/booklets. /SEE NOVEMBER'S DEDDINGTON NEWS - EDS/ After full discussion, PC voted 7:5 in favour of making a £25 donation but suggested that the popular 'Bethlehem' carol sheets would be much cheaper.

Christmas Tree Offer of a free tree for felling and removal by PC was declined, with regret, because of risks to nearby greenhouses. PC to buy suitable tree.

Clifton Sewage Water Authority has now put the job out to tender. Donald Welford thanked the PC for help and encouragement in getting this done.

Bottle Bank will be installed in Earl's Lane for a trial period.

OCC Survey of Village Shops Cllr Hayward is compiling Deddington's return.

The Deddington News On a vote of 8:4 in favour, the PC agreed to make an interest-free loan to The Deddington News for the purchase of much needed reproduction machinery. Operational control must remain in the hands of The News. /ON BEHALF OF OUR READERS, MANY THANKS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AND WORKING EARLY IN 1990 - THE EDITORS/

Planning PC no objection to: shop awning at Unicorn Antiques; residential development (outline) on land to south of Mill Close; temporary caravan by school swimming pool for learner children; new dwelling in Tithe Lane, Clifton. CDC has approved the erection of a house in the grounds of Castle End.

DIARY January 1990

WED 3 Deddington School term starts
TUE 9 WI meeting, Mini-Auction, 7.30 pm Holly Tree Club
SAT 13 Village Skip in Earl's Lane (FOR BULKY DOMESTIC RUBBISH ONLY)
TUE 23 COPY DATE FOR FEBRUARY DEDDINGTON NEWS
WED 24 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15 pm Town Hall

February 1990

SAT 3 PUBLICATION DATE FOR DEDDINGTON NEWS

Christmas Greetings

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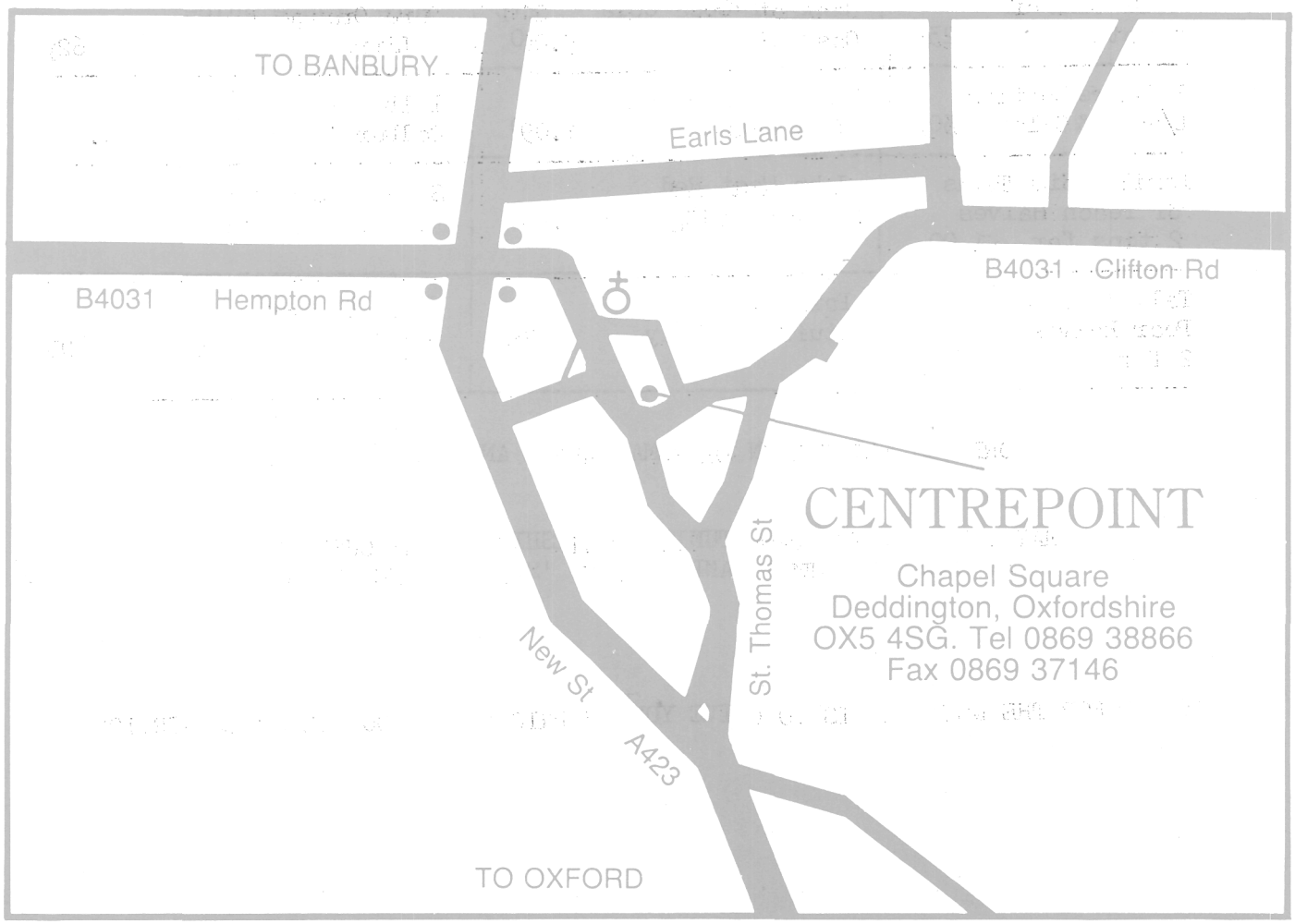

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FROM THE EDITORS' POST BAG

From Diana Hailey, Hudson Street, Deddington

I am writing on behalf of the "Sloan Rangers" running team (Chris Blythe, Ingrid Dale and myself) who ran the Oxford Half Marathon on 17 September in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. We are pleased to report that we raised just over our target of £1000 (£1003.74) which is the sum required to pay for the complete training of one dog and thus aid a visually handicapped person. /A TREMENDOUS RESULT. CONGRATULATIONS TO DEE, CHRISTINE AND INGRID - EDS/

I would like to thank all our sponsors including the following companies, most of whom are based in the village of Deddington - Bankier Sloan (hence our team name) Deddington Felt Roofing, Solar Designs, Acorn Stores, Johnsons Builders, Tuckers Antiques, The Antiques Centre, Plumbs Garage, Huntley's Framing, Trek America, S & G Smith (Deddington P.O.), Philip Allan Publishing, Hayward and White (Estate Agents), Deddington Sale Rooms, Deddington High Street Garage, A M Clarke (Butcher), Goldfords Furnishings, Holcombe Hotel, The Unicorn, Hotel Russell, M Reed, Tiffany's Restaurant, Fairford Heating, Sainsbury's, Kerkhoff Ceramic.

On Friday 1 December, Mr and Mrs Lake, branch secretaries of the Banbury Guide Dogs for the Blind, came to Deddington Primary School to receive the cheque, and in turn presented the village and school with a framed photograph of our 'sponsored' Labrador puppy, Merry.

From Mrs Joyce Lake, Hon Secretary, Banbury Branch, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. TO ALL CONCERNED A very warm thank you to everyone involved in raising the grand sum of £1003.74 to train a guide dog. Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation a blind person feels when they get their own four-legged independence. Our warmest thanks once again to everybody.

From Horace Frederick French, Home Farm Cottage, Clifton

In your November issue, you asked for ideas on how to keep the churchyard extension tidy all year round. First, let me say that I do not like the idea of sheep being used to keep the grass down. I wouldn't want them walking on my parents' grave, which is in that cemetery. I also don't think voluntary helpers would want to keep up the work all the time. People start off with good intentions, but it's soon left to one or two willing workers.

I think a fund should be set up, with people from Deddington, Clifton and Hempton giving donations, however small or large, and a person being employed for the job - perhaps even part time. A raffle now and again with prizes given by the community would bring in extra money. Perhaps the new vicar of Deddington would be President, with a few regular church goers on a committee. I am 85½ years old but I would be pleased to make a donation if this scheme were started. /SEE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT, p.2 - EDS/

May I end in saying that I think the Cenotaph should remain in the churchyard extension and not moved to the Market Place. /THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREES - EDS/

(more letters on page 4)

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MORE LETTERS....

From Ray Amphlett, Goose Green, Deddington

Perhaps now is a good time to offer a suggestion as to how a small amount of the village fund could be spent.

As an allotment holder, I am sure I speak for all fellow allotment holders in asking if it is possible to have water laid on at the site of the allotments at Satin Lane. At present any one of us who wishes to water our crops must carry water from home in order to do so. As you can imagine, this is no joke. The past glorious summer has been a nightmare on the allotments, with less than half the normal yield of produce. Water on tap would have been a godsend.

Although the siting of a tap on allotment land (strictly for watering can use - not hoses) would at present be of benefit to comparatively few people in the village, maybe such an act would encourage the take-up of the many derelict plots in Satin Lane. I hope the Parish Council will be sympathetic to this idea.

Letter to the Parish Council, copy to the Editors

From Leslie Letto, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire

As a visitor to Deddington, with two children under five, I decided to go to the playground by the Castle Grounds, and was horrified by what I saw there; (a) the slide was broken and obviously dangerous, one guard rail swinging unsupported (b) one swing was broken and a chain trailed on the ground (c) another swing was missing, and the tyre swing was cracked (d) there were massive holes in the ground behind the swings, which a small child could fall down (e) there was concrete, not safety matting, under the swings (f) there were no "baby" swings and the entire facilities were inadequate and poor (g) dogs had free access to the play area, with the consequent hazards of fouling of shoes with excrement, and possible toxicara infection (h) the equipment was rusty, unsafe and not up to modern standards. Do your children not deserve better facilities than this? Are you aware that if a child had an accident on these swings or slide the Council would almost certainly be legally liable? I would be grateful for your comments on this matter.

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For details of services over Christmas and the New Year, in the Parish Church, Wesleyan Chapel and Congregational Church, see DIARY on page 1.

PARISH CHURCH

Clerestory Windows The money to pay for the restoration of the Clerestory windows has now been raised. To the people who organised events, made donations or helped in any way to bring the fundraising to a successful conclusion, our grateful thanks. FRANKIE COX, Church Treasurer

Deddington Church Bells were busy at the beginning of December. On Friday 1 December they were rung from 6.45 pm until 7.30 pm for the Induction Service of Rev Kenneth Reeves. On Saturday 2 December, Banbury branch ringers rang a full peal (3 hours) to welcome the vicar. Sunday morning service ringing and Monday practice was as usual. On Wednesday 6 December the local ringers will attempt a quarter peal (45 minutes) also to welcome Rev Kenneth Reeves. /WE ARE SURE THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL BUT THE MAGAZINE WENT TO PRESS BEFORE WE COULD FIND OUT - EDS/
FREDA IVINGS 38513

HEMPTON CHURCH Carols for Christmas - indoors and out. A party of singers and instrumentalists will be touring the village on the evening of Wednesday 20 Dec. All proceeds will be divided between St John's Repairs Fund and Katherine House Hospice. The following Friday 22nd is Hempton Church Carol Service at 6.30 pm, when again we shall welcome Deddington Church Choir to join with us in a Service of Lessons and Carols - mince pies and punch to follow! JOHN WEBBER 38508

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER FROM THE WESLEYAN CHAPEL You don't have to watch the news for very long to see that natural and social disasters are becoming more common - world pollution, acid rain, poisoned rivers, radiation laden seas; and starvation and social diseases which are, at the moment, incurable. Every day, papers carry stories of murder, torture and child abuse and many manifestations of man's inhumanity to man. Wars - political, moral and physical - rage all around us. How ready we are to blame God when disasters occur. People say "You can't tell me there is a God of love. If there is a God why doesn't he stop wars, earthquakes, famines and the death of young people?" Yet whilst we are always complaining and even turning to God in a time of trouble WE ARE UNWILLING TO CHANGE.

In the Bible we learn that God created the world so that it was PERFECT, but then the serpent deceived Eve about eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and sin came into the world. What is sin? It is frank disobedience to the commands of a loving God. There was nothing wrong with God's world - Man caused the problem.

Incredibly, God still loves man so that even way back in the beginning he had a plan to show us how much. A plan that would declare this message in a way that we could not ignore - a plan to set us free from the sin that brought us into the state that we are in today. The Apostle John tells us "THE WORLD IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE EVIL ONE" (SATAN). It is not God who brings disaster but the evil one, because of our sin. So God sent his only Son, Jesus, to save the world from the power of satan and to open men's eyes to the lies that have led them away from God for so long. Jesus came as a baby, born in a stable into a poor family, and grew up in obedience to his parents and worked as a carpenter. At the age of 33 he began to tell men about the love of God and demonstrated this love in his teaching by healing the sick, raising the dead to life, making the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk and many other miracles. For this he was persecuted by the people of the day and finally suffered a cruel death on the cross - a horrifying testimony to the depths to which man will sink in his refusal of God's love. God knew that man would do this, it had been foretold to the prophets and recorded long before Jesus came, but God still sent Jesus .. Jesus still came .. and He did it to prove his love for you and me. Christmas is all about his coming. It is God's gift to us; a gift of inestimable love which can set us free and lead us to ETERNAL LIFE. "FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN" (Isaiah 9:6).

If you would like to know more of God's love, we would like to welcome you to Deddington Wesleyan Church on Sundays at 10.30 am or 6 pm. A special welcome is extended for our Christmas services. DAVID W ABEL (Minister)

BUS TOKENS - £15 for £2

The Parish Council has announced that this year bus tokens will again be made available to Old Age Pensioners, Registered Blind and Disabled. Application forms are now in Deddington Post Office and when completed may be handed in there. Alternatively you may bring the completed form with you when you collect your tokens from the Town Hall.

Collection days are Tuesday 12 December and Tuesday 19 December, between 10.30 am and 12 noon. You must bring either a valid Pension Book, or a Concession Card which is issued by DSS to those who have their pensions paid into a bank. You must be on the Electoral Roll for the Parish. If you cannot attend in person, you may authorise someone to collect tokens for you. He or she will need to bring your Pension Book or Concession Card. £15 worth of tokens will cost you only £2.

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE (See also page 8)

Fire Calls Last month we received 12 calls - 1 call to phosphorous grenades on fire at the Banbury Business Park, Adderbury, 1 call to suspected incendiary devices at Tadmarton Poultry, 1 lorry with overheated brakedrums, 14 false alarms with good intent, 2 false alarms on automatic systems, 1 malicious false alarm, and 2 calls to stand by at Bicester Fire Station - bringing the total so far this year to 266.

Recruiting Since the last issue, I am pleased to report that we have had one person apply to join. This application is being processed. The next step will be the Entrants Medical, and hopefully a starting date for the New Year.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES 38943

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL BOOKLETS - we need your HELP

Those of you who gather under the Christmas Tree in Deddington Market Place on Christmas Eve to sing carols know that it has become a tradition. Spontaneous and informal, it is a very family night. But the few carol books that were left were scruffy and hard to read under dim light. So we thought it was time to have new ones. Help received - Mary Robinson produced the finished copy on her desk-top publisher and Ken Langstaff let us have his sketch - both free. The Parish Council has given us £25 towards Cheneys very favourable printing costs.

Help needed - PLEASE We are appealing for your generosity and help as we still have £250 to find by the end of December to pay the printer. The booklets are 50p each but £1 will pay for your booklet and give us a donation towards the costs. Please contact JOHN BURDEN, Eastleigh, New Street, Deddington (38150) or JOY DRAKE Corner House, Hudson Street, Deddington (38240) who are selling the booklets from their homes. CAROL SINGING FROM 7 PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL

WI RECIPE OF THE MONTH - Frangipane

This has been in The News before but I have been asked to repeat it.

For the base: 1 lb short pastry spread on a swiss roll tin and brushed with jam.
For the filling: ½ lb butter of marg, ½ lb sugar, 3 eggs, ¼ lb ground almonds, 3 oz ground rice, 4 oz mixed dried fruit. Some glace cherries look nice.
Method: Cream butter and sugar, add rest of ingredients, spread filling onto pastry, bake at 175°C (gas mark 3½) for about 1 hour until the top feels and looks like a sponge cake.

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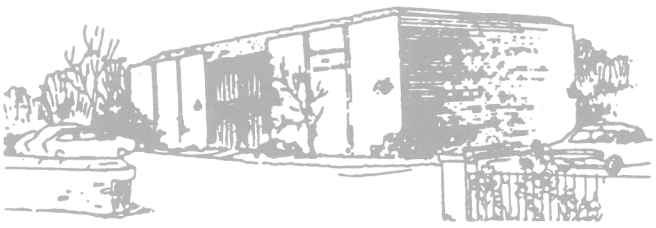

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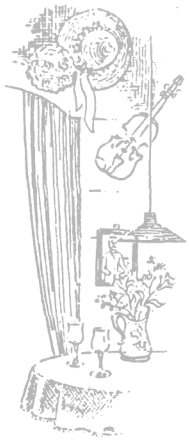

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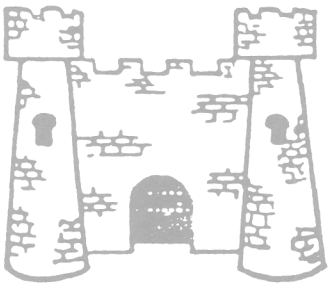

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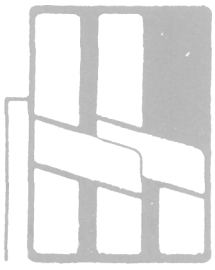

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S I L E N T N I G H T - H O L Y N I G H T, 1944 by Ted Johnson

I have a war time memory of an incident, which at the time must have impressed me considerably, because it haunts me each year in the run up to Christmas. The time was early January 1944. I was an unwilling guest of Hitler's Germany and had just completed a spell of solitary confinement in cells at a place called Lukenwalde near Berlin.

A small party of fellow prisoners and I were to be moved to a prison camp in Czechoslovakia. We were put in the charge of an escort of a Corporal and three soldiers for the journey. These chaps were from a front line fighting unit who happened to be going on leave to their homes beyond our destination and the powers that be obviously found it convenient to appoint them as our escort. We quickly realised that they were a cut above the usual low grade type of guards we had so far encountered as prisoners of war, but we were left in no doubt, that they would stand no nonsense from us and would shoot us if necessary.

We were duly marched to the local railway station and herded into a reserved carriage of a scheduled passenger train. This was an improvement on our usual rail transport which so far had been cattle trucks. Doors were locked and we were allotted seats and space at one end, while our guards spread themselves at the other end. We trundled across Germany making scheduled stops at country stations to pick up and set down civilian passengers. In spite of being closely guarded this was an interesting journey. Observing the ordinary work-a-day persuits of the country's civilian population made nonsense of any information we were given before we were taken prisoners in the Dodecanese campaign, that the Third Reich was about to crack up. Bomb damage was to be seen around the industrial centres but appeared no more to curtail civilian movement than at similar scenes back in UK.

Late in the afternoon in the fading daylight, our train came to a halt in a siding outside a town. This was quite a common occurrence in order to let troop trains, or trains laden with tanks and guns pass, en route to the Russian front. These transports had priority over normal civilian trains.

We had stopped on an embankment at the edge of a plantation of conifer trees. After a heavy fall of snow the scene would have made a perfect picture for a Christmas card. Suddenly one of our guards opened the door at his end of the carriage, leaped off the train, ran to the smallest tree and with a few swift strokes of his bayonet cut it down and bore it back to the carriage. When, in due course, the train moved on, our guards were busily securing the tree above a seat and decorating it with whatever material they could find, transforming it into quite a lovely Christmas tree. Now they produced their haversack rations of bread and Wurst, and like all enterprising soldiers going home on leave, brought out some Schnapps and bursting out into song, turned the occasion into a veritable Christmas party. At their very sentimental rendering of "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" they encouraged us by gesture to join in. We certainly needed no encouragement, having already hummed along to their tunes, we now burst out with the English version of this beloved carol. Afterwards, quite imperceptibly our relationship with these men seemed to have changed. For the rest of our journey, although they did not relax their security in any form, we somehow had a fellow feeling for each other, as one soldier to another, each doing a job correctly, but with compassion.

We eventually reached Breslau, where we had to change trains and where we were taken by the good Corporal and his men to a troop's canteen on the station. There would, no doubt, have been other secure places where he could have locked us up during our wait for the next train, but to the warm canteen we were escorted and given hot coffee, a kindness which I am sure was not in his escort orders because we had been issued with the ubiquitous slice of black bread for the journey, which in the eyes of authority was all we needed.

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Police Station As the Deddington News goes to print, the children of class M/M are taking part in an exciting project, which involves a whole week in the life of a police station. The children take on the various roles of the members of a police station, and the whole event is simulated by a complex computer programme. The week's project is being masterminded by PC Rampley.

Aluminium Can Recycling We have recently started collecting aluminium cans for recycling; each can is squashed flat by us and is then sold to Banbury Metals. The proceeds of the sale go to the World Wildlife Fund. If you could help us by letting us have your empty cans, we would be very grateful. I'm afraid tin cans are no good; the sides have to be non-magnetic to be recyclable.

Christmas The festive season approaches faster than lightning, or is it that as you get older, the years seem to go by more quickly? Our Christmas entertainment "Christmas around the World", will be held in our Hall on Tuesday 12 December at 1.45 pm and on Wednesday 13 December at 7 pm. The children of class M/M will be singing carols to the residents of the Cheshire Home in Adderbury on Thursday 14 December at 1.30 pm. The North Oxon Rural Schools Carol Concert will take place at Bloxham Church on Tuesday morning, 19 December, at 10 am. Due to lack of space, this is for children only.
There will be informal Carol Singing around Deddington for anyone who would like to come and join in, on the evening of Monday 18 December, starting at the Town Hall at 6 pm, and lasting about an hour and a half. The final event of the term will be "Carols around the Christmas Tree" on Wednesday 20 December at 2 pm. This is the last day of term. The Spring term commences on Wednesday 3 January.

Home School Association The Christmas Float will take place this year on Friday and Saturday evenings, 15 and 16 December. Both will start at 6 pm. The HSA committee would be extremely grateful for help with the float on either evening; if you can spare some time to come out, please let Les Lane (38900), Val Targett (38038) or any other committee member know. Our November Craft Fayre made £725 for HSA Funds and £725 for Katherine House Hospice. Our considerable thanks to all. As this is the last issue of the year, I would like, on behalf of the staff and children, to wish everyone a most enjoyable and restful Christmas, and a happy and successful 1990. PS Annual Summer Fete 30 June 1990.

JOHN MORGAN 38430

POLICE CORNER

With reference to the Parish Council's comments (November Deddington News) headed Public Nuisance, and the fouling of the Town Hall, I have always written in the past about the necessity for the quality of life in this village to be paramount. I will therefore in the first instance advise that owners of dogs clean up after their pets, and that those responsible for urinating in the Market Place, use the facilities provided before leaving the premises where they have spent their evening. There is no excuse or defence for either of these offences. Both carry quite heavy penalties.

On a different note, I have over the past few weeks checked several paper boys and young people on pedal cycles after dark without lights. Would parents please check their children's cycles, to avoid the possibility of a tragedy.

To close, my wife Dianne and I send seasonal greetings. DAVE KEATS PC

DEDDINGTON LADIES Our Christmas Bazaar on 4 November raised £234.90, the most ever. Thanks to everyone, especially all who gave raffle prizes: May Fu Two, King's Arms, Wrightons Butchers, Pagella Fruits & Veg, Mr N McGhechin, G N Catering Services, Bank's Brewery Wines& Spirits Dept, Shirley's Hairdressing, Andy Clarke, Mr & Mrs W Hayward, Gilly's Flowers, Tucker's Country Store: and Garry Miller King's Arms chef, for scrounging from his suppliers! To Lady Kellett, Mrs A Fuller, Deddington Liquid Waste, Mrs D Harper and Mrs S French for donations, and to the cake makers and all the Deddingtonians who faithfully supported us at our August fete and November bazaar. Without you all, our OAPs' party on 2 December wouldn't have been possible. We had a great time. Thanks to all - and Happy Christmas - from Deddington Ladies. JACKIE ADKINS 38563

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

Buffy Heywood reports that there is little of interest in the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley during the month of December 1839. Many of the entries are concerned with the laying out of "our new pleasure ground" following his purchase of various plots of land the previous month. The plan for same was drawn up by Mr Brown who was the gardener to Mr Cartwright of Aynho. The wall adjoining "the Street" was also built at this time. As there is no Deddington News in January, Buffy includes this month the account of an incident which took place in January 1840:-

9 January At about 8 o'clock I was informed that the Church had been broken into and robbed by two men who presented pistols at the Sexton's head on his going to the Vestry Room previous to ringing the curfew a few minutes before 8 o'clock, they were secreted and had succeeded in breaking open the Parish Chest and ransacking it of the pulpit hangings, communion cloth and cushions. They broke the lock of the Register Chest but could not open it. They took away 13/-d in silver belonging to me as fees taken by the Sexton for divers offices performed by me as Vicar. They cut one of the Altar cushions to pieces, but being disturbed left all things in confusion, together with 4 keys, one a skeleton, a screw driver, a cobbler's or plumber's & glaziers knife much worn and an old silk handkerchief. The Sexton was knocked down and stunned by a blow from the buttend of the pistol as he says, and on recovering himself was compelled by their threats to let them escape by opening the Church Door for them. They had effected an entry by cutting away and breaking a portion of one of the Chancel windows, having forced out one of the iron bars which was found in the Vestry Room in the morning. I immediately drew up a Handbill offering a reward of £30 to be paid by the Parish and myself on conviction of parties, stating the facts of the case as well as I could collect them. I despatched the policeman in the direction they were supposed to have taken towards Oxford, and sent him afterwards to Bicester to inform the police there of the problem. I also sent Edmund my servant to Brackley on a similar errand. Two men, one short one tall, were seen running away from the Churchyard gate about 5 minutes after 8 o'clock dressed in dark clothes; they had been seen between Adderbury and Deddington in the morning by a lad named Callow who was breaking stones on the road between the hours of 10 & 12 o'clock and particularly observed by him. Another lad named Sessions saw them near the Barber's shop opposite the Churchyard wall, running fast from the direction of the Churchyard gate.

10 January The two men supposed to have been the parties concerned in the Church affair last night were apprehended late this afternoon, a woman with them on the road to Oxford, by my order and brought to the cage by the policeman and Farndon the constable. I fixed to examine them in the morning. The woman had 15 Pawnbroker's tickets in her possession.

11th January Examined the two men taken up yesterday on suspicion of having broken into and robbed the Church who gave their names as Mr Davis, Plumber & Glazier, and John Vincent, Tailor. After an investigation and examination of two hours and a half, by which a chain of strong suspicious circumstantial evidence was obtained against the men, I fully committed them to take their trial for the sacrilege at the ensuing Assizes.

12th January A hymn book and prayer book were found by John Parish in the Castle Ground, being a part of the property stolen from Banbury Church.

13th January Mr Smith, my sister Eliza's intended husband, came with my brother John to pay his first visit, not altogether the person I should have thought she would have chosen. Thompson the Banbury policeman came to say he had succeeded in recovering the Communion Cloth stolen from Warmington Church near Banbury at a Pawnbroker's shop thereat; and that it was pawned at Saul's shop by the shortest of the two men I committed to Oxford on Saturday - for breaking into our Church.

15th January The policeman came 3 or 4 times to see me with fresh intelligence relative to the men committed for robbing our Church.

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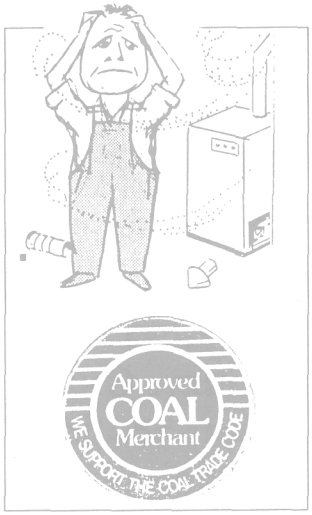

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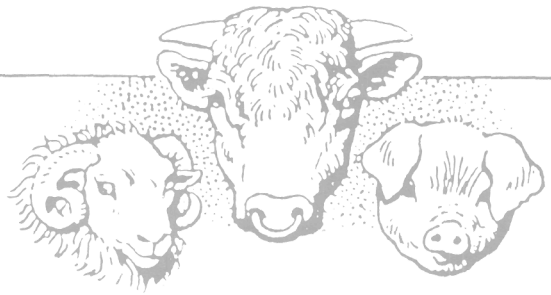

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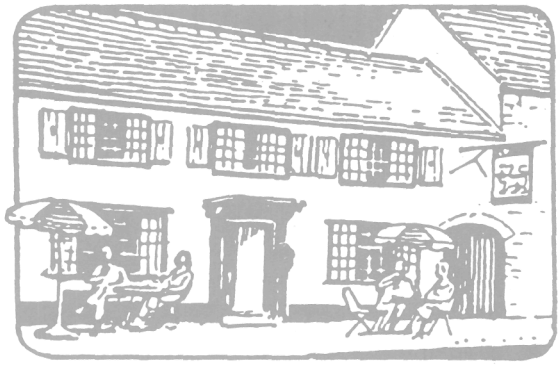

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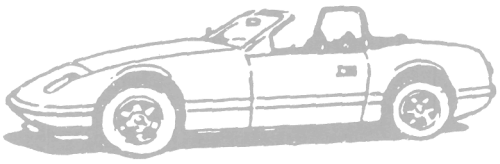

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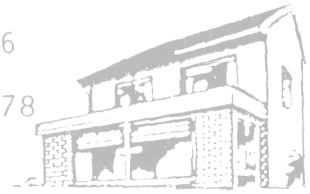

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C A L L I N G A L L C L U B S Part 1

DEDDINGTON BRANCH, ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The officers and committee of the Deddington Branch would like to thank all organisations who joined in the parade and service on Remembrance Sunday, and congratulate them all on a very smart turnout. We will be trying desperately to get a band to lead the parade in 1990. W. HIRONS Branch President.

Poppy Appeal 1989 The results of the local district Poppy Appeal are as follows: House to house collection £752.50: Poppy wreaths £129.20: Donation from British Legion Club £150.00: Poppy Day Draw £30.00: Church Collection - £136.34: GRAND TOTAL £1,198.04 (REMARKABLE! - EDS) Special thanks to the poppy collectors and all who had poppy trays on display within their premises. This is an increase of £103.00 on last year, so a very big "thank you" to all who gave so generously. N.D. WEST Poppy Day Organiser

Service Work I am pleased to report that during 1989, 36 ex-service personnel and widows have received coal and grocery cheques to the value of £50 each. I will be pleased to help any ex-service personnel or widows in the district who are in need. Please let me know. A T LEWIS Service Secretary.

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

Our annual Club Dinner took place at The Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, on Saturday 18 November. Forty two members and guests enjoyed the meal, which was presided over by our President, Frank Robins. Following the meal and the Loyal Toast, Vice President Jim Lloyd welcomed the guests, especially our guest of honour Mrs Jeanne Wales (better known as Jeanne Rule in the village). Jeanne replied to Jim's welcome with a witty speech during which she thanked the Club for inviting her to the dinner. To mark the occasion, she presented the Club with an aid for picking up woods. Many thanks Jeanne.

After the speeches Jeanne undertook to present the trophies. The Holford Cup (Singles) was received for a record tenth time by the Club's senior member, Fred Deely. What a marvellous ambassador for bowling and Deddington he is! We were particularly pleased that he could join us as he had only come out of hospital a week earlier. The Stewart Cup (Pairs) was won by Jim Lloyd (Skip) and Frank Robins. The Fred Deely Triples was won by Mrs Jan Boyt, Sam Keys and Vice Captain Derek Robinson (Skip). Unfortunately Sam was unable to be with us due to the illness of his wife, but his daughter Pam collected his cup for him. We were sorry that Sam's wife could not be with us as in past years and hope that she is soon recovered. Readers will probably recall that our guest of honour presented us with a cup for competition among the novices. This year was the first year of its presentation and John Boyt was the first winner. In addition to holding the cup for a year, John received a personal trophy to remind him of his first competition win.
The evening was to finish as it had started, with music played by Miss Kay Rees on a Technics organ loaned by Cherwell Music from Church Lane, Banbury. Kay had kindly given up her evening to come along and entertain us. In recognition she was presented with a basket of flowers. Our thanks are extended to MF and Graham at the Duke for helping make the dinner one of our best. This was despite a last minute shortage of staff caused by Annette's incapacity following an accident. We all hope she is on the mend.

The dinner was our last Club activity of the year and we are looking forward to May of next year and the start of the outdoor bowls season. I also happen to know that one or two members are looking forward to Father Christmas' arrival in the hope of receiving some new bowls equipment! May I close by thanking all villagers, their friends and others who have supported our efforts on and off the green during the past year. On behalf of the Club may I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and the very best for the New Year.

GEOFF TODD 38532

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HOLLY TREE CLUB

The members of the Club join me in thanking everybody who helped us during the past year, i.e. by donations, or in any other way. Thanks to our friends for joining us in our little trips out, which were all very successful. As we all know there was very little to worry about regarding the weather, although we have always been fortunate in this respect, even in our normal summers.

We wish everybody a happy Festive Season and, please God, a good and successful 1990. A special thank you to all the staff of The Deddington News for their help and hard work in making The News such a success. (THANK YOU PEGGY - IT'S OUR PLEASURE! - EDS)

PEGGY BUSBY Hon.Sec.

DEDDINGTON WI

We met at the Holly Tree Club on 14 November. There was a good attendance. During the business meeting we were told about the plans the WI has for turning itself into a limited company (really?) and it is a rather difficult concept to take on board. We know that all will be made clear to us in due course.

Mrs Caporn gave a report on the half-yearly meeting which seems to have been a great success. The actor Preston Lockwood entertained the gathering with a witty speech. On the same occasion prizes for the various cups were given out.

Mrs Elsley gave a report on the Group Meeting at Easington which was on 20 October. In spite of dreadful weather and the last day of Banbury Fair, eight of the Deddington members managed to get to Easington. We were late, but not as late as the Speaker, who struggled through the town from the Warwick direction. He was Mr John Terry, a rural sciences teacher from Nuneaton, who has done inspiring work with his pupils in raising cows, pigs and rabbits, and winning prizes at shows. All this calls for dedication and much work in and out of school time. Mr Terry gave a very amusing talk and showed slides. He has written a book on his work called "Pigs in the Playground". We were given nice refreshments, had a raffle and took part in a quiz. A good evening.

The speaker for our own evening was a cake-icing expert, and we were shown how to beautify a Christmas cake, both the quick way with fondant icing and the laborious way with royal icing. The cakes looked very splendid, and two of the three were raffled.

Our competition was for a homemade Christmas card, and there were some really pretty ones. Someone lucky is going to receive those. Our next meeting is the Christmas dinner and we don't invite visitors to that. However, our meeting on 9 January will be a members' evening, with the main attraction a post-Christmas auction. Do come and bring a few items for sale.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

DEDDINGTON BABY-SITTING CIRCLE

For many years now there has been a thriving and very successful baby-sitting circle operating in this super village of ours. However, due to many of these 'babies' growing up, we seem to have lost many of the 'old faithfuls' who have used the circle over the years. I am sure that there are many young and older families out there who like to 'trip the light fantastic' and need the facility of a sitter for their children. So for those who like the idea of mums and dads sitting with their children when they are out, please phone me so that I can arrange a meeting for all interested parties.

JENNIFER SODDY 38298

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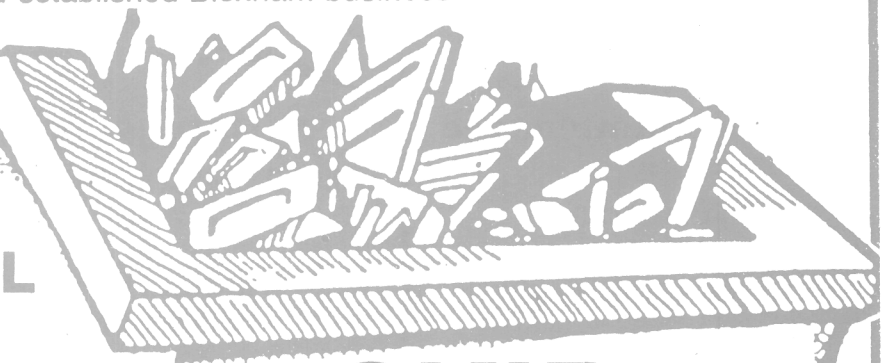

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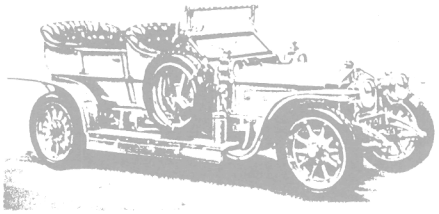

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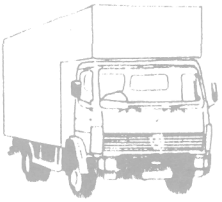

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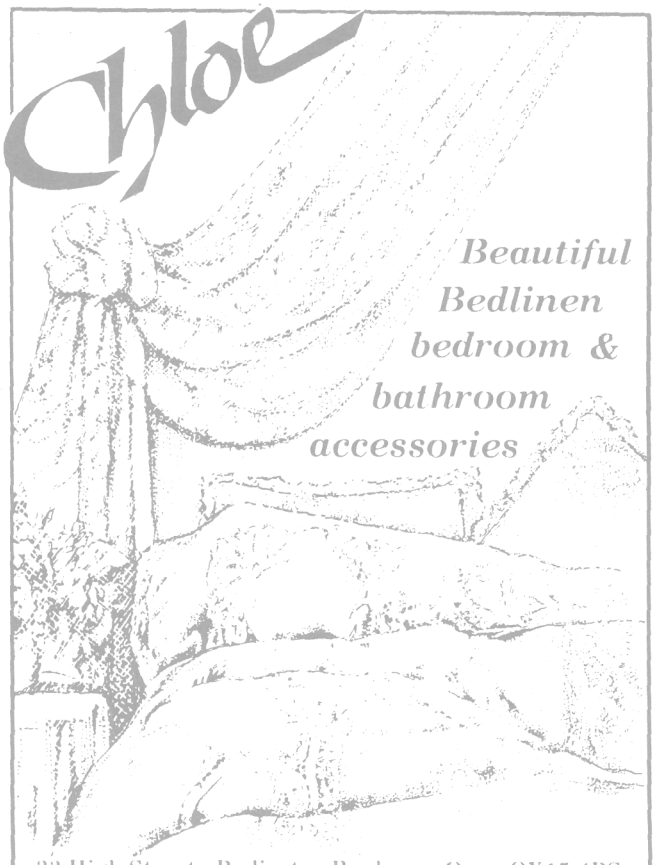

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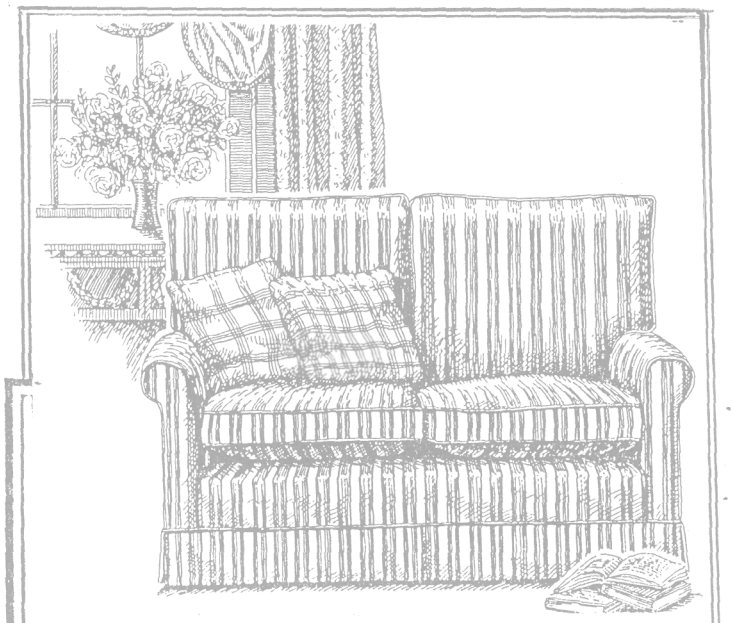

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C A L L I N G A L L C L U B S Part 3

1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES Well done to Ellie Ellis - 2nd prize in Division poster competition. We were pleased to welcome Katy Nickell and Rebecca Blythe at their promise ceremony. Many thanks to Mrs Christine Blythe for all the work she has put in on our behalf, running the Scout/Guide group Webb Ivory Christmas Catalogue - proceeds to group funds. All support is much appreciated. Perhaps a parent or friend would like to relieve Mrs Blythe and run the catalogue for us for a few months.

Since half term we have been trying to finish our badgework - about five guides gained their thrift badge, amongst others. We had a great evening recently when the Rangers and Venture Scouts from Banbury came and ran a whole meeting for us. It was very lively and a lot of fun and hopefully some of our guides will go on to join their unit in the future. Another activity that caused a lot of interest was Mr Rampley demonstrating wound simulation - apologies to parents of older guides who arrived home from the meeting with horrific "wounds".

Before I finish this last report of the year I'd like to thank all our friends and supporters and badge testers for all their time and interest. Also a special thank you to Mrs Bryony Fenemore who will no longer be able to help us at guide meetings - we all appreciate the assistance she has given us and will be sorry to lose her from the unit.

So, guess what's coming next? Guide Mums please stand by for requests to help at meetings, and is there anyone out there at all interested in helping on a regular basis and perhaps becoming assistant guider? Please contact me even if only remotely interested or curious.

MAGGIE RAMPLEY Guider 0295 810069

SCOUT NEWS

The troop is taking part in an intertroop indoor football league which has been held on several Saturdays and will last into next year. We are doing very well. We've lost a couple of games against some very good opposition but we are in the top half of the league - an excellent achievement by all the boys involved.

We had a visit and talk from a member of the Oxford Model Boat Club who, with his models, gave the boys an insight into what can be achieved with bits and pieces. I never realised that the top of a pill box can be made to look so realistic as funnels, etc. The detail in the models was exceptional.

Congratulations to Ian Hope, Stuart Bryant and James Pickard on their Scout Award, which has involved a lot of work in various aspects of Scouting. We have several other scouts who are also very near to obtaining awards.

Our main efforts have been in the direction of the Scouts organising a short incident hike around the village, and training in the incidents they may find. They will leave HQ in small groups, hopefully to find their way around the route and deal with the incidents as they find them.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a draw ticket on behalf of the troop. Unfortunately no one from our area won. I have a list of the prize winners if anyone wishes to see it. The money raised by the boys will go to the replacement of patrol equipment. The Patrol leaders have already provided lists of the equipment they want.

ALAN RAMPLEY Scout Leader 0295 810069

DEDDINGTON MISSION YOUTH CLUB

We would like to thank all those who helped and contributed items for the Garden Party and Fete which was recently held at the Holly Tree Club. Despite a very wet day a grand total of £154 was raised, half of which was donated to buy syringes for a children's hospital in Uganda. At present the Snooker, Table Tennis and Darts competitions are well under way and we will give the names of the winners in the next issue.

The club meets every Wednesday in the Windmill Centre from 8 till 10 pm and is open to all youngsters from 13 years of age upwards. Admission and refreshments are free and new members are always welcome.

ROBIN NASH 38730

C A L L I N G A L L C L U B S Part 4

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Results :

Date	First Team		Reserves	
30 Sept	--		Hornton	Lost 2-3
7 Oct	Wise Alderman A.S.	Won 3-2	Kings Sutton Res	Lost 2-6
14 Oct	Bishops Itchington	Lost 0-6	Middleton Cheney A	Won 4-1
21 Oct	Comrades	Lost 2-8	Bloxham Res	Won 2-0
28 Oct	Adderbury Res	Won 5-0	Hornton Res	Lost 2-4
4 Nov	Newland	Won 1-0	Trades Athletic	Lost 0-5
11 Nov	Broughton & NN Res	Won 6-2	Tysoe Utd	Drew 4-4
18 Nov	Chipping Warden	Won 3-1	Banbury Cross	Lost 1-3
25 Nov	Comrades	Lost 0-6	--	

Some pleasing results for the First Team but when they lose they do it in style! Andy Hayward is setting the goalscoring pace with 9 so far. For the first time for some years the Club won their first two matches in the County Junior Shield Competition, only to have the result of the second game (v Newland) challenged for a minor technical infringement of the rules. The Club have appealed against the OFA decision and the outcome is awaited. The Reserves have had one or two good results. Darren Churchill, Mark Doggett and Michael Hewitt are top goal-scorers with 4 apiece. (SEE DIARY, PAGE 1, FOR FIXTURES)

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Christmas Festivities The Club's Christmas Dinner will be at the Holcombe Hotel on Saturday 23 December. All Club members and their guests are invited - tickets from the Secretary. Remember also the Annual Charity Match at the Castle Grounds on Boxing Day morning (KO 10 am). All participants are expected to make a generous contribution and these, with spectators' donations, will be passed to the Holly Tree Club. So why not come along and support a good cause, enjoy a good laugh and walk off some of that Christmas food/booze.

Finally - a message for dog-owners. Can I make a plea to all dog owners who walk their dogs in the Castle Grounds to endeavour to prevent their pets from fouling the playing area. The possibility (some would say probability!) of ending a tackle in a pile of dog excrement is an unpleasantness which would be acknowledged by even the most ardent dog-lover, so we hope that owners will show consideration.

CLIFF SMITH Secretary 38647

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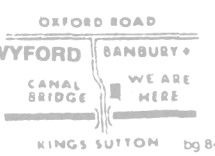

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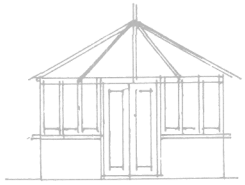

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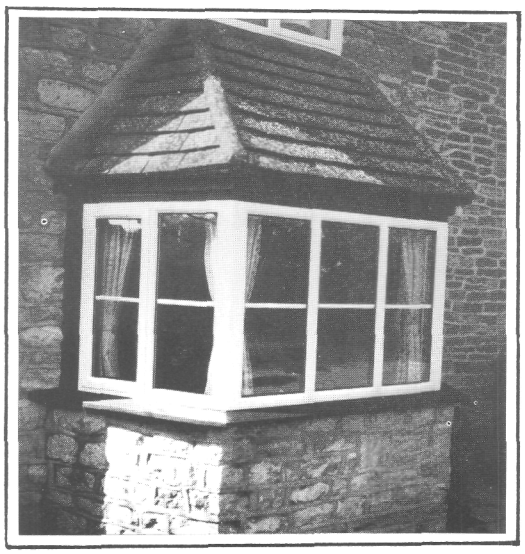

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